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Hearings Called on Amendment Deleting Loyalty Affidavits

A subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, under the chairmanship of Senator James E. Murray of Montana, will begin hearings on Wednesday, April 29, on amending Sec. 1001 (f) of the National Defense Education Act of 1958. The bill under consideration, S. 819, introduced by Senators Kennedy and Clark, would eliminate this section from the act entirely.

This is the section which provides that any person receiving a grant or loan under any provision of the act must execute (1) a "disclaimer affidavit" asserting that "he does not believe in, and is not a member of and does not support any organization that believes in or teaches, the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence or by any illegal or unconstitutional methods," and (2) an affirmative oath of allegiance to the Government and Constitution of the United States.

President Everett N. Case of Colgate University, who is chairman of the Council's Committee on Relationships of Higher Education to the Federal Government, will testify on behalf of the Council. The Committee on Relationships, as reported in this Bulletin (Vol. VIII, No. 7), has taken the view "that deletion of the whole section would strengthen the National Defense Education Act of 1958. While there are various shades of opinion regarding the affirmative loyalty oath in the context of this legislation, the majority of the committee believes such an oath to be unnecessary and undesirable. The committee unanimously confirms its action. ...recommending that the requirement of a 'disclaimer affidavit' should immediately be deleted from the act."

Since this Bulletin first called attention to these requirements in the law in August 1958 (Vol. VII, No. 30), many educational organizations and institutions have expressed opinions on one or both portions of Sec. 1001 (f). If these statements and resolutions are to be given formal consideration by the Senate subcommittee, copies should be sent immediately to Senator Murray.

Supplemental Funds for Education Voted

The Committee on Appropriations of the Senate has taken action on H. R. 5916, the supplemental appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. The committee has recommended to the Senate a supplemental appropriation for the National Defense Education Act of 1958 totaling $75.3 million, the precise amount requested by the Administration and approved by the House (See this Bulletin, Vol. VIII, No. 11). Included is the sum of $4.5 million for national defense fellowships, bringing the total for the current fiscal year to $5.3 million, the amount originally authorized by Congress in the act. All other programs will receive sums lower than those originally authorized by Congress.

Land-Grant College Celebration Approved

A Commission for the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities, and for the Founding of the United States Department of Agriculture, is authorized under H.R. 4012, which was passed by the House on April 20. The commission will cooperate with Federal agencies and other public or private organizations and institutions to clebrate the passage of the first Morrill Act of July 2, 1862, and the establishment of the United States Department of Agriculture on May 15, 1862.

An appropriation not to exceed $200,000 is authorized. The commission may provide Federal agencies and the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities with assistance through grants or otherwise in relation to their planned activities, and may accept funds and assistance from outside agencies to further its objectives.

Numerous Fulbright Awards to be Made

About nine hundred Fulbright scholarships for graduate study or pre-doctoral research in 27 different countries will be available for the 1960-61 academic year. In addition to the Fulbright awards, scholarships for study in Latin America under the Inter-American Cultural Convention are also offered for 1960-61.

Applications for both the Fulbright and IACC awards will be available on May 1, the Institute of International Education has announced. IIE administers both of these student programs for the U.S. Department of State.

The Fulbright scholarships cover travel, tuition, books and maintenance for one academic year. Countries participating in the program include Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg, Brazil, Burma, Chile, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Awards for study in Ireland are also available under an arrangement similar to the Fulbright program.

The IACC program makes one or more awards available for graduate study in the following Latin American countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela. IACC scholarships cover transportation, tuition and partial to full maintenance.

General eligibility requirements for both categories of awards are: 1) U.S. citizenship at time of application, 2) a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, 3) knowledge of the language of the host country sufficient to carry out the proposed study project and to communicate with the people of the country, and 4) good health. A good academic record and demonstrated capacity for independent study are also necessary. Preference is given to applicants under 35 years of age who have not previously lived or studied abroad.

Applicants will be required to submit a plan of proposed study that can be carried out profitably within the year abroad. Those who plan to take dependents may be asked to submit a statement of their financial ability to provide for their round-trip transportation and maintenance.

Applications for Fulbright and IACC scholarships for 1960-61 will be accepted until November 1, 1959. Requests for applications must be postmarked before October 15. Those interested who are now enrolled students at a college or university should consult their campus Fulbright advisers. Others may write to the Information and Counseling Division, Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York 21, New York.

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